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PLANET OF THE APES VERSUS FANTASTIC FOUR

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THE REBELLION IS IN FULL EFFECT. IT WOULD SEEM YOUR PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL, ***RED GHOST.***

AT LEAST FOR NOW.

INDEED, COMRADE.

I THEORIZED THE ***COSMIC INTERFERENCE*** OF REED RICHARDS' ***DI-QUANTUM STABILIZER*** WOULD REMOVE THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S ABILITIES.

BUT EVEN WITH MY GENIUS INTELLECT, I HAD NO IDEA THOSE POWERS WOULD ***TRANSFER*** TO ***SEEMINGLY RANDOM*** SIMIANS.*

*SEE ISSUE #1! --MARVELOUS MARTIN

THERE IS ***NOTHING RANDOM*** ABOUT THIS, HUMAN! THE LAWGIVER HAS BLESSED ME WITH THESE GIFTS. IT IS MY DUTY TO USE THEM TO SERVE APEKIND!

YOU WILL SERVE ***US***, GENERAL, AND IN TURN, YOU WILL REIGN AS RULER OF THIS ACCURSED PLANET.

YOUR DESTINY IS ABOUT TO TAKE SHAPE.

AN ENTIRE WORLD OF OUR OWN, TO FORM AN ***EMPIRE*** LIKE THE ONE THAT BIRTHED ME!

YES. THIS WILL BE A SUITABLE PRISON FOR RICHARDS AND THE OTHERS WHILE I EXTEND LATVERIA'S INFLUENCE ACROSS OUR WORLD UNDETERRED.

MIKLHO, ACCOMPANY GENERAL URSUS INTO APE CITY. IT IS TIME WE MAKE OUR MOVE.

YOU KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?

YES. I WILL NOT STRAY FROM YOUR PLAN.

GOOD, GOOD.

BEFORE YOU DEPART, THERE IS ***ONE MORE MATTER*** TO DISCUSS.

EH? WHAT NOW?

CONSIDER IT ***A GIFT*** OF SORTS.

A WAY TO ***CEMENT YOUR AUTHORITY*** OVER THE POPULACE...

...A SYMBOL OF YOUR ***UNMATCHED POWER!***

An unknown planet in the far reaches of space is home to an advanced society of apes who walk, talk, and act like humans. Scientists DR. ZAIUS, DR. ZIRA, and her fiancé, DR. CORNELIUS, use the primitive, mute human population for scientific study and menial labor on the PLANET OF THE APES.

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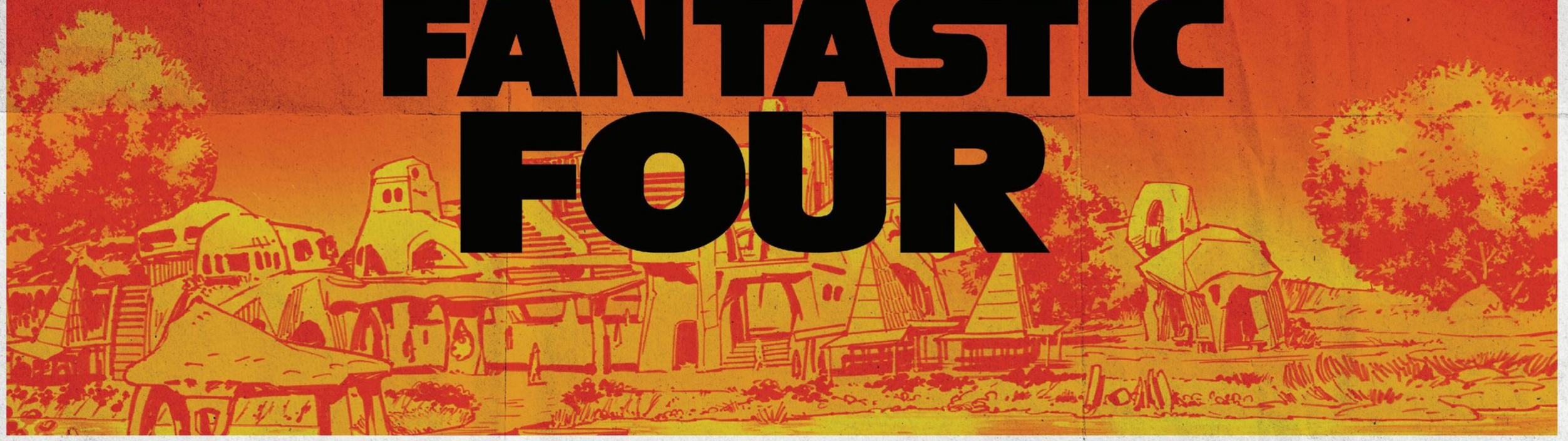
After braving the unknown terrors of outer space, a quartet of explorers were changed by cosmic rays into something more than merely human! Now MR. FANTASTIC, THE INVISIBLE WOMAN, THE HUMAN TORCH, and THE THING are the FANTASTIC FOUR, and the world will never be the same again!



The RED GHOST and his SUPER-APES invaded the FANTASTIC FOUR's headquarters in search of the DI-QUANTUM STABILIZER. The Red Ghost activated the device and transported the Fantastic Four to the PLANET OF THE APES! After arriving, the Fantastic Four found their powers mysteriously transferred to DR. ZAIUS, DR. ZIRA, DR. CORNELIUS, and GENERAL URSUS. The apes were subsequently convinced by the FF to free them from captivity. The apes reluctantly led the Fantastic Four to a submerged space shuttle that may hold the key to the FF's return home.

Meanwhile, the Red Ghost helped foment a rebellion among ape society and secretly sought out new allies in DOCTOR DOOM and GENERAL URSUS. Together, they seek both further revenge against the FF and to seize power on the Planet of the Apes!

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FANTASTIC FOUR CREATED BY **STAN LEE** & **JACK KIRBY**

Outside Ape City.

I WILL TEAR YOU APART!

PLEASE! STOP!

YOU MUST CALM DOWN, DOCTOR ZAIUS! IF WE HURT THE HUMANS, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE THIS "SPACECRAFT" AND ITS TECHNOLOGY. ***WE'LL BE TRAPPED LIKE THIS FOREVER!***

WE HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH!

OH DEAR, OH DEAR...

YOU MUST REASON WITH HIM, ZIRA.

WE'LL NEED HIS STRENGTH TO RECOVER THE SHIP!

WHO CARES ABOUT THE SHIP? THIS ***MONKEY'S*** GONNA FLATTEN US INTO PANCAKES!

"MONKEY"?!

HNNG!

CORNELIUS!

I WILL NOT BE INSULTED WITH SUCH A *SLUR!*

AGH!

STAND ASIDE, ZIRA.

N-N-NO!

YOU MISTAKE THESE HUMANS' *IGNORANCE* FOR MALICE.

DO NOT BE BLINDED BY YOUR RAGE, ZAIUS.

THIS FARCICAL EXPEDITION HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!

THUNK!

HOW DARE YOU USE YOUR ABILITIES TO GET IN MY WAY?

THUNK!

THUNK!

ARE YOU FINISHED NOW, DOCTOR ZAIUS?

NOT BAD, LADY!

WE OWE YOU ONE!

LET'S SAVE THE MATH FOR LATER, BENJAMIN.

WE HAVE *MUCH GREATER PROBLEMS* AT HAND!

WHAM!

HNNF!

VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER, ZAIUS. YOU KNOW THAT.

WORK *WITH* US. WE ONLY WANT THIS NIGHTMARE TO BE OVER.

I... *MY DISGUST* WITH THESE HUMANS GOT THE BETTER OF ME.

SO, WHAT WOULD YOU ADVISE THAT WE DO?

FIRST, WE WAIT UNTIL MORNING...

"...THEN WE SEE WHAT YOU CAN *REALLY* DO WITH OUR POWERS!"

JUST IMAGINE A LARGE DISC AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE, LIKE THE FORCE-FIELD YOU CREATED EARLIER.

SEE IT IN YOUR MIND. *FEEL IT.*

I--I'M NOT SURE I CAN, SUSAN.

THE OTHER TIMES I CREATED THOSE FIELDS, IT WAS REFLECTIVE, *INSTINCTIVE.* THERE'S NO WAY I COULD--

WAIT! *I SENSE SOMETHING!*

YOUR WIFE IS REALLY QUITE IMPRESSIVE, CORNELIUS.

AS IS YOURS, REED. AS IS YOURS.

THERE IT IS!

SHE'S DOING IT!

LIKE WE DISCUSSED!

NOW FOR THE HARD PART...

HNNG!

LET'S SEE HOW STRONG YOU REALLY ARE, ZAIUS.

IT'S TOO MUCH, SUSAN!

NO! I BELIEVE IN YOU!

AGH! MY ARMS!

JUST A LITTLE MORE, CORNELIUS! YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!

HNNNNNN...!

DON'T GIVE UP. I KNOW YOU CAN DO THIS!

SKREEEEEEEE

WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

MY LOVE, THAT WAS REMARKABLE!

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

OR SUSAN, FOR THAT MATTER.

THAT WAS ALL YOU, ZIRA. YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A SUPER HERO.

"SUPER... HERO..."?

WHATEVER DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS?

I STILL PREFER MY MIND TO MY MIGHT.

HEY, WHATEVER WORKS!

DO YOU THINK WE CAN GET OUR POWERS BACK WITH THIS THING?

OR GET HOME?

I'LL NEED TO INSPECT WHAT EXACTLY WE HAVE HERE.

THOUGH I DO WORRY ABOUT THE ***MORAL IMPLICATIONS*** OF LEAVING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS SOCIETY ROUTINELY ***MURDERS AND TERRORIZES HELPLESS HUMAN BEINGS.***

ARE WE SIMPLY TO LEAVE AND MOVE ON AS IF WE SAW NOTHING?

HOW'S ABOUT WE GET HOME FIRST, AND THEN WE DECIDE A PLAN FROM THERE?

WE'LL BE USELESS TO EVERYONE IF WE STAY ON THIS ***STRANGE ALIEN WORLD.***

STRANGE? CERTAINLY.

ALIEN? THAT I'M LESS SURE OF.

BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...?!

MY WORD! WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

IT'S THE RED GHOST'S SUPER-APES!

THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED US TO THIS WORLD!

SKRIIIIK!

THE SHIP!

PEOTOR'S USING HIS MAGNETIC POWERS! LOOK OUT!

WHOOSH!

WHOOSH!

WHOOSH!

SLAM!

SLAM!

OW!

NO!

A PRIMITIVE *BABOON?* FASCINATING.

WHOOSH!

OH DEAR!

IT WOULD SEEM THERE ARE *ADVANTAGES* TO THIS FORM!

WAIT JUST A SECOND THERE, FURBALL!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU HAVE ALL THE FUN!

WHAT THE--?

UNNF!

SUCH PECULIAR BEASTS! IT'S LIKE STARING INTO A HISTORY SCROLL!

IN SOME WAYS, AT LEAST.

THERE WE GO!

!

STOP THIS AT ONCE!

ALL OF YOU!

CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A BATTLE FOR CIVILIZATION HERE?

THAT'S ENOUGH FROM YOU, HUMAN!

I WILL NOT STAND BY AND LET YOU ASSAULT THESE ***POOR, INNOCENT*** APES ANY LONGER.

ZAIUS, THESE ***MONSTROSITIES*** ARE TRYING TO ***KILL US.***

DO THE SACRED SCROLLS NOT TEACH US TO ***REJECT*** VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR FELLOW APES, CORNELIUS?

THOUGH THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM US, WE MUST SHOW THEM ***COMPASSION.***

HUH?

THAT IS WHAT THE LAWGIVER WOULD WANT FROM US.

PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

COME TO ME, MY FRIENDS.

I AM SURE YOU ARE AS CURIOUS ABOUT ME AS I AM ABOUT YOU.

BEN. DID ZAIUS JUST DO AN ABOUT-FACE OR WHAT?

NAH, THIS ALL MAKES SENSE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

DR. ZAIUS HERE IS FULL OF LOVE-- FOR ***APES.***

BUT US HUMANS? ***DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!***

IF THE SUPER-APES ARE HERE, RED GHOST MUST ALSO BE! I BET HE'S IN APE CITY!

AND HE SAID THE DI-QUANTUM STABILIZER COULD RETURN HIM TO OUR TIME. ***THAT'S*** OUR WAY BACK HOME.

"OUR TIME"? ARE YOU SAYING ***WE'RE ON EARTH?!***

I BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN FLUNG INTO ***EARTH'S FUTURE***, AND THE DEAD ASTRONAUT IN THAT SHIP IMPLIES TO ME THAT IT'S A ***ONE-WAY TRIP.***

IT ALL RAISES SO MANY QUESTIONS...

"...AND I FEAR WHATEVER AWAITS US IN APE CITY, WE'LL NEED OUR POWERS MORE THAN EVER!"

KEEP FIGHTING!

TODAY IS THE DAY WE TAKE APE CITY!

CAPTAIN, WE CAN'T!

IT'S UP TO US, SOLDIERS. STAY FOCUSED!

WE FIRE ON MY MARK!

READY.

AIM.

FIRE!

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

MERCY!

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

AGHH!

THESE REBELLIOUS FARMERS HAVE OVERTAKEN THE CITY! THEY'RE CONVINCED WE'RE WASTING OUR SCARCE RESOURCES ON THE HUMANS!

IT IS TIME WE MADE *CONTINGENCIES*, PRESIDENT GAIUS.

NO.

GO IF YOU MUST.

I WILL SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END.

DO YOU HEAR THAT?

THEY'RE COMING!

MAY THE LAWGIVER PROTECT YOU, PRESIDENT GAIUS!

WE SHALL SEE WHAT THE DAY BRINGS, WON'T WE?

WH-WH-WHOEVER YOU ARE, STAND DOWN!

AGHHGH!

GO.

I WON'T SEE ANY MORE BLOOD SPILLED--

BLOOD!

NO!

THUD!

PRESIDENT GAIUS. I SEE YOUR ALLIES AND SERVANTS HAVE FLED.

JUST AS I ORDERED THEM TO.

SO IT WAS *YOU* WHO STARTED THIS COUP! YOU DEFY THE TEACHINGS OF THE LAWGIVER AND ENCOURAGE APE TO KILL THEIR FELLOW APE!

THAT IS INDEED THE PLAN, COMRADE.

THESE FARMERS? THEY'RE JUST THE FACE OF THIS OPERATION.

ANOTHER DISGUSTING HUMAN?! IMPOSSIBLE!

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

...YOU WON'T REMEMBER A THING WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!

UHNNN...

NOW, WHERE TO BEGIN, MR. PRESIDENT?

FIRST, WE'LL PUT AN END TO THIS UPRISING...

...THEN THE *REAL REVOLUTION* BEGINS!

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CHAOS ON THE PLANET OF THE APES!

PARCELS OF THE APES

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Welcome, everyone, to our first letters page! Issues #1 and #2 were already off to the printer by the time issue #1 went on sale, so we're only just now able to start featuring some of your responses to our inaugural issue. Thanks to everyone who wrote in, and please keep it coming! With that, let's get to it!

Dear Apes vs. FF geniuses,

I loved this first issue so much I went back and bought another copy just so I could read it again! Seriously, I've been the biggest fan of both worlds for over one hundred years now (I'm from the future), and this is better than when peanut butter met jelly. No spoilers, but that surprise at the end was well worth the price of admission.

Looking forward to where this story goes,
John Steventon
Somewhere in New Jersey

Wow, a time-traveler from New Jersey! We are kicking things off in grand style! Thank you for purchasing not one but two copies and for sharing your thoughts! We hope the remainder of the series continues to hit the sweet spot.

Dear Fantastic-ers,

Was that VICTOR we saw in the first issue of PLANET OF THE APES VS. FANTASTIC FOUR?! ALIVE? If that is a Doombot, I will be in SEVERE distress. For a while at least. Imagine the opportunities…

Anyways. I hope this is still our universe, our Victor, and all the pieces that were disintegrated have come together and made him whole again.

Doom's Secret Admirer
Canada

Glad you're enjoying Doctor Doom's role in the story! Our series is what we refer to as "continuity-adjacent," allowing us a bit more room to play—such as being able to have Doctor Doom appear in this story, while in the 616, he remains very much dead. But I hope you continue to not-so-secretly admire this version of Doom!

Dear Marvel,

I just read the PLANET OF THE APES VS. FANTASTIC FOUR #1 and it was amazing how much was kept from the Planet of the Apes movies. It was very nicely done. Andrea Di Vito should be commended because I easily recognized the characters.

Could the leftover radiation be similar to the Q-Bomb that took the team's powers in issue #38, or could it be radiation from the Alpha-Omega bomb worshipped by underground mutants (from *Beneath the Planet of the Apes*)? The team has always been my favorite. The day that I received my first "No-Prize" was quite memorable.

I look forward to the rest of the series.

Faithfully yours,
Bob Wright
Fairview Heights, IL

You've clearly got your bona fides as both a FF and POTA fan, Bob! Andrea has indeed been doing amazing work bringing it all to life. Thanks for taking the trip along with us!

That's all the room we have for now, but we'll see you all next issue for our jam-packed (and I mean jammed!) finale!

—Martin

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